The Dividing Edge: Intensity Rising

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In the quiet town of Dover, New Hampshire, two stepbrothers discovered they were far more than they ever imagined.

Roger Wolff was the loud, confident one—skinny, quick-witted, and always chasing the spotlight. David Bissell was his opposite: quiet, thoughtful, and deeply rooted in faith. Though they shared a bedroom under their parents' roof, they felt like strangers. Roger thought David was boring. David quietly believed he had nothing special to offer.

Everything changed the summer Roger nearly died.

Seeking freedom from rules and responsibilities, Roger spent the night on the roof of the school's solar-powered science building. A low-flying plane startled him. He slipped, crashing through glass panels and lying unconscious for two days under the blazing sun, surrounded by strange chemical fumes. When rescuers finally found him, Roger was forever altered.

He could channel light. He could summon total darkness. Most astonishingly, he could "slide" along the dividing edge between light and shadow—slipping through cracks no human body should pass. Roger became the Dividing Edge: a hero who could bring illumination or cloak the world in darkness.

For a long time, Roger believed he was the only gifted one. David remained in the background, offering quiet encouragement. But David carried his own quiet miracle. Through his deep faith and desire to help others, he discovered he could intensify any natural or supernatural ability—multiplying strength, talent, or power up to thirty times. His gift came with a warning: too much intensity could drain a person's life force.

When the brothers finally opened up to each other, everything clicked. Roger's light and darkness grew stronger under David's influence. David found courage and purpose standing beside his brother. Together, they realized they embodied two halves of the same truth—one shining light, the other increasing its power.

They began helping people in secret. Roger slipped through debris to reach the trapped. David stood among rescue workers, quietly amplifying their strength and coordination. They designed costumes and chose names: Roger as Dividing Edge, David as Intensity. United, they became The Gifted Stepbrothers—fighting not for glory, but for freedom from harm and the defense of righteous values.

Roger's catchphrase echoed in the darkness: "Leave darkness behind you. Let righteousness be your light."
David's steady voice answered: "Be encouraged—life can be intense."

Though their powers differ, their bond is unbreakable. Two stepbrothers, once strangers, now stand together as heroes—reminding us that our greatest strengths often lie in what we once thought were our weaknesses... and that we are always stronger when we stand with family.

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We Stand Together

[Verse 1]
Roger talked too fast
Skinned knees, sharp grin
Always wanting center stage
David held the line
Quiet as a prayer
Said, "You matter more than you think"

[Pre-Chorus]
In the same old room
We were worlds apart
You saw my shadow
I saw your start
Then the wall fell down
And the truth came in

[Chorus]
We stand together
We stand together
Light and shadow, hand in hand
We stand together
We stand together
Stronger than we ever planned

[Verse 2]
Roger hit the glass
And the dark pulled through
Slid between the cracks of fear
I could bend the night
Turn a room to gold
Or hide a kingdom in the near

[Pre-Chorus]
David stayed behind
With a steady heart
One small yes from you
Could make my power start
What I thought was mine
Was only half the flame

[Chorus]
We stand together
We stand together
Light and shadow, hand in hand
We stand together
We stand together
Stronger than we ever planned

[Bridge]
Then you called my name
And I finally saw
You were never meant
To stay on the floor
You can lift the weak
You can multiply
But hold it close
Don't drain the life

[Final Chorus]
We stand together
We stand together
Light and shadow, hand in hand
We stand together

We stand together
Two halves of one promise stand
We stand together
We stand together
Family makes the broken whole

We stand together
We stand together
And we know we're stronger soul to soul